

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

**Family Support Services Committee Minutes
May 17, 2001**

Members Present: Patricia Aguiar, Janet Eaton for Kathleen Callahan, Doug Cleveland, Terry Colborn, Laurie Jordan, Jan Kearns, Patty Moore, Nancy Sager, Sherry Torok, and Kate Warren

Guests: Bonny Hall, Linda Brault, Linda Celk, Letha Sellars, Mindy Laperdon, Jean Waleck, Linda Koontz, and Michelle Soltero.

Recorder: Greg Rose

1. **Introductions:** Introductions were made; Terry Colborn was welcomed as a new member of the committee; guests and local presenters also introduced.
2. **Agenda Review:** Agenda review; agreed that the local presentation should be moved up in the agenda and should be followed by a PITC update; update T-grid added (#6); Committee Communication changed to # 7.
3. **Review Minutes:** Minutes approved as is (save one typo).
4. **Local Presentation:** Early Head Start/Hope Infant Family Support Program .
The presentation focused on:
 - The development and implementation of the MOU
 - The referral process
 - A program description—Home-based and family child care program options (see brochures attached to these minutes)
 - Cross training experiences
 - Future goals and challenges

The committee was very impressed with the level of collaboration, support and cross training that was articulated. Equally as impressive was the discussion of five expansions in two short years. A discussion of challenges and strategies of transition from the center-based to natural environments was enlightening as well.
5. **Program for Infant/Toddlers Caregivers Update:** Linda Brault presented PITC informational material and "One Program's Journey: Using the Change Process to Implement Services in the Natural Environment" an article co-authored by Linda, Melinda Ashley and Jan Gallo (see attached).
6. **T-Grid Update:** (see T-Grid)

7. Committee Communications

- The committee had a lengthy discussion related to the Action Item— Meeting Schedule. “Option A” (Wed. afternoon/Thurs. all day) was the preference of the group.
- The committee agreed that it is important to track initiatives that relate to children and families (i.e. school readiness, Prop 10 etc)
- Brief discussion regarding committee communication to maintain momentum between meetings. This discussion will be continued next meeting.
- The committee requests that DDS provide staff support to the FSSC.
- Announcements: Terry Colborn announced that Easter Seals received a grant for \$350,000 from the San Joaquin County to family support and mental health services to specified families with children birth to five. Patty Moore announced Alpha Resource Center of Santa Barbara County’s “Batteries Not Included II” event (see attached).

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.